

## PARAGOULD YOUNG MAN LOCKED UP AT CHESTER, ILLINOIS, ON CHARGE MONEY-CHANGE FRAUD

**Earl Wadley Seeks Release on \$1,000.00 Cash Bond—Father of Young Man Sends Sheriff Stepp to Execute Release of Son—Relatives Believe Him Innocent—Sheriff at Chester Relates the Capture and Conviction of Woman Who Passed Forged Check in Paragould.**

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Earl ("Whitney") Wadley of Paragould has been arrested and locked up in the county jail at Chester, Illinois, on an alleged serious criminal charge growing out of a "short-change" episode in which he is accused of having participated. Detailed particulars of his predicament are unknown, other than the information contained in a communication from the sheriff of Chester who wrote to officials here a few days ago setting out the general charge lodged against the young man. The alleged offense is said to have been committed several days ago and the accused has since been in jail at Chester awaiting the execution of a \$1,000 cash bond.

The letter from the sheriff of the Illinois town stated that a woman giving her name as Martine Wright of Rector, was with Wadley at the time he is said to have committed the alleged "short-change" offense. Just what connection, if any, the woman may have had with the incident the letter from the sheriff did not state. She has been released. Local individuals this morning stated that a woman by the name given by the sheriff, in his letter, resides at Rector, Very little is known of her in Paragould, according to officers.

In response to pleadings from young Wadley, the father of the young man, Luther Wadley, who resides in the Center Hill neighborhood, yesterday executed a cash bond of \$1,000 and engaged Sheriff Stepp to go to Chester last night and accomplish his son's release from custody. Sheriff Stepp is in the Illinois town today for the purpose of procuring the young man's freedom. The father, according to information supplied The Press this morning, sold his home place in order to procure funds with which to meet the requirements of the cash bond demand made by the court at Chester. The home place was purchased by Sam P. McHaney, it is said.

The relatives of young Wadley appear confident of the young man's innocence, believing that he will establish his innocence of the serious charge lodged against him when the time for trial comes up at Chester, Illinois. The young man has been engaged in railroad work but it was not known this morning whether he was engaged at work.

## FORD CAR IS HIT BY MOOSE AT CARDWELL

**Monroe Tisdell and Two Friends Came Near Meeting Death in a Race Across Railway Track.**

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Monroe Tisdell and two other gentlemen experienced a narrow escape from death or serious injury this morning at 10:30 o'clock when the Bull Moose passenger train on the Paragould Southeastern crashed into a Ford car in which they were riding. All escaped with a few scratches but the Ford car was considerably smashed as a result of the impact.

Mr. Tisdell was at the wheel of the Ford and, according to those reported to have witnessed the accident, was driving north in the city limits of Cardwell and conceived the idea he could make a dash across the track ahead of the west bound passenger. He failed to make a clearing of the track and the motor cab of the Moose struck the auto at the rear wheels turning the vehicle over two or three times. The occupants of the car were thrown sprawling upon the ground, sustaining only a few scratches.

in the region of the Illinois town at the time of his arrest.

Another Chester Case. The sheriff at Chester in other communications with Paragould individuals relate the apprehension of a young woman who figured in a check forgery in Paragould last July. The officer refers to the woman as being Alice Grayson, alias May Cody, Elsie Jones, Nora Samples and May Eaton. In Paragould she gave her name as being Nora Samples on a \$29 check forged on the store of Eugene Nettles. The check is dated July 24th.

The Chester officer said the woman was convicted and given one to ten years in the state penitentiary. She had already served a year in the federal pen at Leavenworth, Kansas. She pleaded guilty to the charges preferred again her at Chester.

When the woman was apprehended, the officer writes to Paragould individuals, she had a large number of checks certified to, similar to the one she passed in Paragould for \$29.00. She passed two of them at Chester, resulting in her arrest. The certified checks were drawn on banks at Springfield, Mo., Cairo, Ill., Hope, Ark., Poplar Bluff and other banking institutions. The description given the Chester officer by Mr. Nettles, of Paragould, seems to have played an important part in the apprehension of the woman.

The Chester sheriff writes that the woman was a member of a band of fifteen that had been operating in various sections of the country, passing forged checks, counterfeit money and performing other acts of law violations. The officer described her as being a confirmed dope fiend, 39 years of age and of good appearance. Upon information supplied by the woman at her arraignment for trial when she pleaded guilty, the Illinois officer wrote officials at Kansas City, relating her description of a counterfeiters' den in that city, operated by a doctor. It is said that the Kansas City officers found in the doctor's office an outfit for printing bogus money and a quantity of counterfeit \$20.00 and \$50.00 bills.

As result of the unearthing of the band's operations as given in the confession of the woman fifteen criminals have been lodged in the penitentiary, according to information supplied by the Illinois official.

## INJURIES FATAL TO PROHIBITION AGENT

Little Rock, Nov. 22.—Five federal prohibition enforcement agents, headed by W. E. Smith, left Little Rock yesterday morning bound for Saline county in search of the moonshiner who shot and mortally wounded Jesse R. Johnson, federal agent, near Bland, Saline county. The shooting occurred early Sunday morning, when Johnson and C. E. Thompson also a federal agent, attempted to arrest a gang of five moonshiners near Bland. Johnson was wounded by a charge of buck shot which punctured his intestines in 15 places. He died at St. Vincent's Infirmary at 4:15, yesterday morning.

Sheriff J. F. Crow and three deputy sheriffs of Saline county joined the posse at Benton and are guiding them through the woods in the vicinity of the shooting.

Johnson was a new man in the service of the government, having joined the federal force seven weeks ago. He is survived by a wife and three children, all of Berryville. The body is being held at the undertaking parlors of P. H. Ruebel & Co.

## Widow of Famous Builder Is Dead

(By The United Press)

St. Paul, Nov. 22.—Mrs. J. J. Hill, widow of the "Empire Builder," died at her home here after a long illness.

## WILL WILSON IN CRITICAL CONDITION

**Star Character in Shooting Affray May Die—His Wife is Showing Considerable Improvement.**

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Will Wilson, star character in the shooting episode at 702 North Pruet street last Wednesday morning when he made a violent attempt to kill his wife and then fired two bullets in an endeavor to end his own life, is in a very critical condition at the sanitarium and it is very doubtful if he survives the injury he inflicted upon himself. He spent a bad night last night.

Last evening it was regarded doubtful if the victim would survive the night, his condition taking a marked turn for the worse late yesterday afternoon. He was in an unconscious state of mind during a larger portion of the night, but he revived this morning and his general condition this afternoon appeared some more favorable, but not so favorable as day before yesterday. Physicians fear an infection will set up in the brain, in which event he cannot recover. However, all hopes for the man's recovery have not disappeared. He has a fighting chance, his attending physician thinks.

Mrs. Wilson, it is announced, is much improved and it is now believed she will completely recover from her injuries. The pneumonia attack is not developing to an alarming degree and if she can hold her strength a few days she likely will make rapid progress in overcoming the effects of her dangerous experience.

## ENGLAND WITH AMERICA ON NAVAL POLICY

**Great Britain Second Stand Taken Against Japan by the United States—To Be No Compromise.**

Washington, Nov. 22.—There will be no compromise of the 5-5-3 ratio of capital ships as proposed in the American naval limitation plan for the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

This was assured yesterday when Great Britain seconded the emphatic stand taken by the United States in the race of Japan's plea for a greater allowance of capital ships, that the only way to stop the mad race for naval supremacy is to stop building warships and to adhere to the existing relation of naval strength.

Great Britain, following a conference between Secretary Hughes and Mr. Balfour, let it be known that she will support the Hughes proposal to retain the existing capital ship ratio of the three naval powers unreservedly. Heretofore Great Britain accepted the American limitation in principle. Now she accepts it in principle and in fact insofar as the prime basis of the proposal is concerned, the retention of status quo as to the capital ship strength of the respective naval powers.

Mr. Hughes also has conferred on the subject with Admiral Baron Kato of Japan, who asked on behalf of his government that Japan be granted a little more than 60 per cent of battleship power in the limitation program. This conference is said to have further cleared the atmosphere regarding the American program, from a Japanese standpoint, and to have made assurance doubly sure that there will be a satisfactory agreement reached on reduction of naval armaments.

Some Concession Possible.

There is a suggestion, however, that some concession may be made which might change the reduction plan with respect to capital ships, without altering the ratio. Japan's suggestion that she be allotted a little more than 60 per cent is said to be based primarily upon her desire to save the new dreadnaught Mutsu now nearing completion. If for sentimental or any other reason that can be regarded as justifiable under the circumstances, Japan insists upon saving the Mutsu, and

## DR. W. E. BONE AT BROOKLAND HAS RELAPSE

**Suffers Hemorrhage of Injured Lung—Moved to His Home From Jonesboro Hospital This Week.**

(From Tuesday's Press)

Dr. W. E. Bone, the physician at Brookland who was shot through right lung several days ago by Wash Wilson, a farmer residing east of that city, is in a very critical condition as a result of his injury, according to a news report that reached Paragould this morning from the doctor's bedside. It is reported the patient suffered a hemorrhage of the injured lung last night.

The patient was removed from St. Bernard's hospital at Jonesboro to his home in Brookland several days ago, it then being the impression of Jonesboro physicians that his condition was sufficiently encouraging to admit of the change. Yesterday morning he was, apparently, getting along very favorably but early last evening he is said to have suffered a hemorrhage that very much weakened his condition. Individuals at the depot in Brookland last evening preparatory to catching the Cotton Belt passenger to come to Paragould heard screams emanating from the physician's home nearby. It was reported to them that the doctor had suddenly become much worse.

Wash Wilson, the man who did the shooting, is said to have gone on another "wild spree" and is reported to have caused trouble at Brookland a few days ago, resulting in officers again taking him in charge and locking him up. It appears the man had been released on bond after having been incarcerated at Jonesboro immediately following the shot he administered in an endeavor to end Dr. Bone's life.

If it is a fact that Dr. Bone's injury has developed hemorrhages of the lung the chances for his recovery are regarded as being very remote. The bullet that entered his body passed entirely through the right lung, it is said.

## SECOND STEP FOR SMALLER ARMAMENTS

**Great Britain Issues Order Suspending Recruiting of Ordinary Seamen for Her Navy.**

(By The United Press)

London, Nov. 22.—Great Britain's second step toward armament reduction has been taken by the order suspending recruiting of ordinary seamen by the admiralty. However, it is provided for a continuation of recruiting of certain special classes. The government gave no definite explanation of its step, merely stating the order was issued from the war office. The total strength of the British army at present is 417,000. This total includes the Indian army and 50,000 wounded war veterans who are being demobilized.

there, to stop building, she may be permitted to keep the ship. But if Japan gets the Mutsu the United States will be permitted under the revised plan to keep the new Colorado, 32,600-ton ship with eight 16-inch guns. England under such an agreement would be accorded additional capital ship power now scheduled for the scrap heap. Thus would the 5-5-3 ratio be maintained, but each of the powers would have a little more naval strength.

Even such a concession is regarded in American quarters as in violation of the principle of putting an end to naval building which underlies the Hughes limitation plan. To permit it would be relaxing the principle considerably but would not destroy it, inasmuch as the ratio would not be altered and construction would be stopped at a point only a trifle beyond that fixed in the American proposal which would scrap all building as of November 11, 1921.

## PROHI AGENT SHOT IN RAID ON 'SHINERS

**J. R. Johnson Riddled by Buckshot; In Critical Condition; Gunman Gets Away.**

(By The United Press)

Little Rock, Nov. 21.—Jesse R. Johnson, aged 45, federal prohibition enforcement agent, was seriously wounded yesterday morning when he and C. E. Thompson attempted to arrest a gang of moonshiners near Bland, Saline county. He was shot with buck shot and his intestines punctured in 15 places. Johnson was brought to St. Vincent's infirmary, where attending physicians say he has but little chance of recovery.

Johnson, whose home is at Berryville, left here last night with Federal Prohibition Enforcement Agents H. Sutterfield, Clyde Rogers, C. E. Thompson and W. E. Smith for Saline county, where they had information that two stills were being operated.

Arriving at a point 14 miles from Benton, the officers swooped down on a patch of woods and found a still of 100 gallons capacity, 40 gallons of distilled moonshine, and nine pounds of mash. "Bud" Towers, who, the officers allege, was proprietor of the still, was arrested on charges of violating the national prohibition law.

Met by Moonshiners.

Taking Towers in custody, and destroying the still, whiskey and mash, the officers set out for a creek a few miles away where they believed a second still was in operation. When the creek was reached, Sutterfield and Rogers were left to guard Towers and the others set out for a point on the bank of the creek where they met two men, who informed the officers, all of whom were in plain clothes with badges concealed, that they had a quantity of whiskey for sale. The moonshiners refused, however, to carry the three officers to their booze cache but said they would go with two of them. Accordingly, Smith sent Johnson and Thompson and started back to where he had left the remaining officers and the captured moonshiner.

The still was located on the other side of the creek and the two moonshiners, not suspecting they were accompanied by officers, drove their team across the creek. When the creek was forded and the vicinity of the still was reached Thompson says that four or five men walked out and met them and guided them to a thick clump of woods, in the center of which was a large still and about 40 gallons of moonshine whiskey. Thompson said he attracted Johnson's attention and motioned for him to draw his gun, drawing his own at the same time.

Officers Outnumbered.

Just as they covered the men a shot rang out and Johnson fell, shot through the abdomen. Keeping the men covered, Thompson said, he called for help. The federal agents on the other side of the creek could not hear him because the wind was blowing in the opposite direction. Thompson said he saw the serious condition of his wounded companion and believed him to be nearly dead. Thinking he should first render him what assistance he could, and take chances of letting the moonshiners escape, in the hope of recapturing them later, he dropped his gun and went to the aid of Johnson. The moonshiners fled into the woods. Smith, Rogers and Sutterfield heard the shot. They bound Towers and hurriedly crossed the creek, too late, however, to catch the fleeing moonshiners.

Johnson was carried to the home of a farmer, Jim Barron, near Bland, and Dr. Kelly of Bland rendered first aid treatment. He was then carried in the wagon on the Nineteenth street pike and an ambulance was sent for and brought him to St. Vincent's.

The identity of the wounded man's assailant is not known, but federal and county officials are working on the case.

## Will Inaugurate Prohibition Drives

(By The United Press)

Washington, Nov. 22.—Prohibition drives on two big so-called "wet" states—Illinois and New Jersey—have been started by Commissioner Haynes.

## CONFERENCE IS WORKING WITH MUCH SPEED

**Working Toward Agreements on Two Major Tasks; Naval Armaments and Far East Question.**

(By The United Press)

Washington, Nov. 22.—The arms conference is working speedily toward agreements on its two major tasks—limitation of naval armaments and the untangling of the intricate Far Eastern problem. As to the third major task—the limitation of land armaments—the impression prevails that little action regarding it will be taken at this time.

It is apparent that the American government is first driving toward definite agreements on naval armaments and the Far Eastern question.

Germany, through Edmund von Therman, the new charge d'affaires here, denied Premier Briand's charge that Germany was a potential war machine, and stated that she is willing to give "further guarantees to the international tribunal" to allay fears of a new war across the Rhine.

Premier Briand is confident he achieved the purpose of his trip to America—to rally the support of the world to France. France's army cut will be a real one, despite the dangers confronting her, he said.

Before the conference completes its settlement of the Far Eastern affairs, the United States will ask the nations involved to sign a definite agreement or treaty, embodying in detail the principles approved. This will probably be drawn up by Elihu Root.

## UNITED STATES PROGRAMME MAY SUCCEED

**Prospects Brighter For Adoption of Secretary Hughes' Ideas of Naval Disarmament.**

(By The United Press)

Washington, Nov. 21.—Prospects for a complete acceptance of America's sweeping program for limitation of naval armaments grew brighter as Great Britain and the United States virtually agreed on all major details, while indications were that the former will bring strong pressure upon Japan to abandon her claim for a navy 70 per cent as great as the two other powers instead of 60 per cent as proposed by Hughes.

In the Far East section of the conference China is insisting that a searchlight be turned upon several alleged secret treaties Japan is alleged to have framed in Manchuria, Shantung and other questions. The United States may break its silence on Oriental questions with a statement by Elihu Root at the Far Eastern Committee meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

## TO KEEP COTTON ACREAGE REDUCED

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 22.—A meeting of planters, bankers and merchants from all the cotton producing states will be called to meet in Memphis December 12 to discuss plans to hold cotton acreage in 1922 to a point not to exceed that planted in 1921. It was decided yesterday at a meeting of the Memphis Cotton Exchange.

No effort will be made to secure a reduction from the acreage of 1921, but planters will be urged to not exceed that acreage next season, and if greater production is desired, to secure it by more intensive cultivation.

Hog Crop Reduced.

Quitman, Ga.—The hog crop of Brooks county was reduced by one carload when a stroke of lightning killed seventy Poland China hogs while the animals were under a tree. The loss was \$2,000. R. C. McIntosh was the owner.

## MATRIMONIAL ADS CROWD BERLIN PAPERS

**Dearth of Eligible Husbands Compels Would-be Wives to Advertise Their Attractions.**

(By International News Service)

Berlin, Nov. 21.—Berlin at the present time is the bachelor's harvest.

Marriage advertisements have long been a feature of the German newspapers, but the last few months have seen an extraordinary development in this line.

The dearth of eligible husbands has compelled would-be wives to leave no stone unturned to achieve their desire, and whole columns are now daily devoted to appeals of women in search of husbands, setting forth their attractions, physical and financial.

Thus a fraulein advertises: "Twenty-six years old, fair, good character, domesticated, pleasant appearance, fortune and good dowry, wishes to meet a man of good character and industrious; purpose of marriage."

Then comes: "Well educated farmer's daughter, pretty, twenty-one, moderate fortune, wishes to make a love marriage."

Another young woman, bearing in mind the prevailing house shortage, says:

"Girl of twenty-six, with her own home, wishes to marry." The same lure is held out by a "free-thinking, intelligent and domesticated Jewess."

"While there is life there is hope" is apparently the motto of "Catholic widow, age fifty-nine, with a noble character and three rooms, seeks a husband."

Widows, mostly war widows, figure largely in these columns. Some of them, having no doubt had one experience, are very particular as to their future husbands. One, for instance, wishes to marry a "small, slim man, thirty-five to thirty-six years of age, with brown eyes and hair," while another stipulates that "no Jews, Poles or film artists need apply."

But the women are not the only people who have seen the possibility of the present situation. A large number of men recognize their value in the marriage market and insert advertisements giving very little description of themselves, but laying down very clearly what they expect of their future brides. Money, flats, good dispositions and handsome appearance are always among the requirements. Their intentions are always "honorable" and a photograph is invariably desired. So that between the women who are seeking the prizes in these days of male (numerical) inferiority and men who wish to benefit from that advantage the advertisement departments of the newspapers are reaping a rich harvest.

## INTERSTATE COMMISSION MAKES RULING

**Western and Mountain Pacific Group of Railroads Given Orders to Reduce Freight Rates.**

(By The United Press)

Washington, Nov. 21.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued an order calling upon railroads in the Western and Mountain Group to put into effect on or before December 4th a reduction of approximately sixteen per cent interstate rates on grain, grain products and hay, recently ordered.

## Americans Kidnapped in Chihuahua, Mexico

(By The United Press)

Washington, Nov. 22.—Four Americans, two of them women, were kidnapped and held captive for two hours last night by Mexican bandits in the state of Chihuahua, the American consul at Mexico City has reported to the State Department.